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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON HORN WITH ITALIANS

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1. ON APRIL 2 WE AGAIN DISCUSSED PROPOSED US/ ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS ON HORN WITH RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL. OFFICIAL EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING THAT COOTE UNABLE TO STOP IN ROME BEFORE ITALIAN MISSION' S DEPARTURE FOR MOGADISCIO.
 2. WE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR WITMAN EITHER IN BRUSSELS DURING NATO EXPERTS MEETING NEXT WEEK OR FOLLOWING WEEK IN ROME.
 3. OFFICIAL RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH ITALIANS WOULD BE DELIGHTED WITH WITMAN VISIT HERE, THEY BELIEVE IT MUCH MORE PRACTICAL AND TIMELY FOR HORN CONSULTATIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS AT TIME OF NATO AFRICAN EXPERTS MEETING SINCE PORCARI, WHO WILL ATTEND EXPERTS' MEETING, WILL BE JUST BACK FROM MOGADISCIO AND BE IN OPTIMUM POSITION FOR FRESH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH AMBASSADOR WITMAN. VOLPE
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